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FROM BALTIC SEA WEEK

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1. BERLIN SENAT AND CDU APPROVED DECISION OF WEST GERMAN SAILING ASSOCIATION TO WITHDRAW FROM BALTIC SEA WEEK AT ROSTOCK IN PROTEST AGAINST FLYING OF WEST BERLIN FLAG (REF A, PARA 7). SENAT SPOKESMAN DECLARED THAT SOLIDARITY DEMONSTRATED BY SAILING ASSOCIATION "EARNs OUR FULL RESPECT" AND CALLED UPON GDR TO STOP RESORTING TO METHODS OF COLD WAR TO OBSTRUCT FULL IMPLEMENTATION OF QA, IN WHICH TIES BETWEEN WEST BERLIN AND FEDERATION WERE CONFIRMED. CDU CHAIRMAN LORENZ STATED THAT EFFORTS OF GDR TO TREAT WEST BERLIN AS SEPARATE POLITICAL ENTITY AT INTERNATIONAL EVENTS, IN CONTRADICTION TO LETTER AND SPIRIT OF QA, WOULD REQUIRE "WATCHFUL SOLIDARITY" OF ALL PARTICIPANTS FROM FRG AND WEST BERLIN.

2. ACTION OF SAILING ASSOCIATION IN ROSTOCK FOLLOWED CLOSELY UPON GOVERNING MAYOR SCHUETZ' ASSERTION, IN WEEKLY RADIO ADDRESS ON JULY 7, THAT GDR WOULD BE EXPECTED TO RECOGNIZE--AS IN OTHER FIELDS-- THAT WEST BERLINERS
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WERE INTEGRAL MEMBERS OF FEDERAL GERMAN SPORTS TEAMS AND

CLUBS. IN REFERENCE TO RECENT BREAKDOWN OF FRG-GDR
SPORT NEGOTIATIONS IN MAGDEBURG (REF B), SCHUETZ
PARTICULARLY THANKED DELEGATION OF WEST GERMAN SPORTS
ASSOCIATION FOR HAVING SO FIRMLY STOOD UP FOR INTERESTS
OF BERLIN SPORTSMEN.BORG

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